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death was removed from every object save the overlooked mistletoe, and by mistletoe he was slain.

In this great work the principal theme is the substance of faith, the substratum faith which has endured from the beginning of time. The world around and in every age there is a new faith and an old belief and superstition. Jewry was filled with ancient beliefs which we may trace to Akkad and Sumer. Under Olympus subsisted the elder faith of the Pelasgians and of Crete. Capitoline Jupiter had to tolerate the nine gods of Clusium and a host of Latin, Sabine, Etrurian practices. Through Christendom bubbles up the elder belief in the gods of Greece and Rome; heaven is partly Valhalla; the religion of the Druids can scarcely be shut out of garth and close. What, then, is the ultimate religion of our race? What is the faith of those of us who derive from the British Isles, a faith which we scorn to profess but which unthinkingly we practice? Dr. Frazer does not answer this question in set terms, but he makes it clear. Despite the successive tides of culture which have advanced the race in knowledge and in religion there remains at the basement of the spiritual life a stock of beliefs which can have come from none other than the Mediterranean race. A tremendous moral force lived in this puny man of prehistory. We trace him in his recent survivals, the pygmies of the Aruwimi forest, the Bushmen of the Cape—the lowest of savage folk. It is a startling thought that we have been able to advance so little from the prehistoric man. All our arts, except those of the potter and perhaps of the weaver, are of later acquisition. From his cave we have advanced to the palace; his cromlech scarcely suggests the cathedral; generations and ages have given us the amelioration of life. Yet his religion was so strong that it has outlasted the course of time; in our superstitions we see that his faith has come down to us, and half shyly and more than half with a dread of magic we practice his rites as he did when the world was young.

WILLIAM CHURCHILL.

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